

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Caine et al.)
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For:	A Keypad and Method for)
	Detecting the Selection of One)
	of a Plurality of Key Inputs)
	Associated with a Single)
	Keystroke)
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Serial No.:	10/769,258)
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Filed:	January 30, 2004)
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Examiner:	Piziali, J.)
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Art Unit:	2629)

Interview Summary

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Further to the telephone discussion conducted on April 4, 2007, between Examiner Jeff Piziali and the applicants' representative, Lawrence Chapa, which was initiated by the Examiner, the applicants' representative hereby presents a summary of the discussion.

During the discussion, the Examiner acknowledged the filing of a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, which prompted his further review of the case, and that the associated Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review Conference had not yet occurred. The Examiner indicated, that as part of his review, he was aware of some additional disclosed details, that if they were made part of the claims, would likely be sufficient to overcome the art of record. More specifically, the Examiner discussed the possibility of incorporating additional details into the independent claims including the shape of the key being triangular with contact areas associated with respective secondary input selections being located at each of the vertices.

Upon becoming aware of the proposed changes to the claims being suggested by the Examiner, and considering the same in view of the present application, the corresponding claims, and the references being relied upon by the Examiner, the necessity of the proposed changes could not be verified. In effect, no agreement was reached, and the Examiner's proposal was not accepted. Applicant's representative suggested that the case be allowed to proceed to the Pre-Appeal Brief Review Conference, per the presently pending Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

Respectfully submitted,

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